

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS

OIF Dream Center: “A Bridge to the Future”

St. Cloud, MN

In 1995, the Dream Center began with a simple yet profound mission: to provide a supportive Christian community for individuals overcoming life’s challenges. The founders recognized that recovery and spiritual growth flourish best in an environment of understanding, acceptance, and shared faith.

The Dream Center is a “bridge” to the future for men that need services to help them overcome their current issues. The Dream Center is a Minnesota registered “Board & Lodging w/special services” program with 46 beds in a five-building campus, in St. Cloud, MN. They provide 3 meals a day, so approximately 150 meals total a day. Today, the Dream Center is facing its biggest funding challenge in 30 years of serving the St. Cloud area. The Dream Center building that has been the flagship of hope, now needs help to preserve it for the next 30 years.

The stucco needs to be completely replaced with new siding and insulation. The total cost is \$130,000, and while they’re more than halfway to their goal, they still need partnerships to finish this project.

Completing this project will sustain the Dream Center building for decades to come, and they would deeply appreciate our help in this vital work.

If you would like to give to this mission, please put “September Missions” on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your generosity!

~Grace Missions Team



FALL NEEDLECRAFT CLASS – The fall session of Needlecraft will begin on Thursday, September 18th and continue through November 20th. We welcome you to come join in on the fun and fellowship on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 in the Fireside Room. Bring along a needlework project or other craft project you enjoy. If you don’t have a project to bring, please feel

welcome to visit and see what we are all about! You will be inspired! Feel free to bring a friend who you think may also enjoy this group. Any questions, contact Marilyn Herzberg. (320-309-2014)



MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR - We will be blessed with music & testimonies from the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir on **Sunday, September 28th** during our worship service.

You may have noticed that the sign-up for food for the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Brunch has changed. Instead of asking for volunteers to bring food, the event will be catered, thanks to the Grace Singers. We are still asking for desserts and servers, though. Please sign up if you can supply a dessert or if you are able to serve. We are still in need of 3 servers and 4 desserts. Thank you! **Note:** This meal is NOT for the congregation, just the Adult & Teen Challenge Choir members.

We will also be collecting a special offering for the MN Adult & Teen Challenge program on Sunday, September 28th. If you’d like to give a monetary donation, please put “Adult & Teen Challenge” on the memo line of your check.

This service cannot be livestreamed or recorded due to Choir members’ privacy rules, so come and visit us in person for this amazing service!



HELP NEEDED - We are still in need of volunteers to make, serve, & clean up our Wednesday evening meals. You can volunteer once or multiple times. Don’t want to do it alone, or have never done it before? No problem! We can help! There is a sign-up sheet on Kari’s door or see Kari for more details. Thank you!

THE SUNDAY AND TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS will meet in October, starting on Tuesday, October 7th and Sunday, October 12th. The Tuesday group will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. More details coming soon.



COMMUNION SUNDAY will be celebrated on October 12th instead of October 5th.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Again, this year our High School students will be meeting for a student led Bible Study on Friday mornings at the Paynesville High School. We are providing donuts or muffins & juice (paper products are already provided) 1-time/month for the kids. There are approximately 40 students. You can deliver the treats to the High School office before 3:00 pm the Thursday before or by 7:00 am the morning of.

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Space.

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

(Not meeting in January)

February 13th

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th

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OUR GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE will have a new look starting on October 1st. The domain address will stay the same (www.paynesvillegrace.org), but our website management company will change from 8Bit to Servant Keeper. Servant Keeper is currently our database program. This change will be more cost-effective for our site. The Grand Premiere is Wednesday, October 1, 2025!



AUGUST GIVING

Budget Offering: \$24,793.32 Needed: \$25,263.00
Short: \$469.68

Coffee: \$215.50
Missions for WEDGE: \$1,470.00
Donation for garbage dumpster at Uzone: \$460.00
Donation for Bus DOT inspection: \$143.69
Donation for Youth/Sunday School: \$20.00

Fundraisers:

Concert in the Park: \$1114.89 (Income: \$1998.00 – food cost: \$883.11)
Corn Sales: \$3,266.31



SAY CHEESE! Do you have a family photo to share? Are you having trouble putting a name to a face here at church? Some of us are, so we've decided it's time to update our Grace United Methodist Church Photo Directory. Please find a family photo to share or plan to have one taken here at Grace. (not a scheduled professional photo). If you are able to send a picture electronically, please email it to the office (office@paynesvillegrace.org). If not, drop one off at the office or bring it to church with you. If you need to have a picture taken, email the office and we'll set up a time with you for one of us to take your picture. We'll be using our membership management program to make this new directory and there will be a printed copy. Thank you!

OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space for Coffee Hour for the month of October. Host Committee #2 is responsible for providing servers and treats. Please check the committee groups that are posted by the sign-up sheet if you're not sure which group you belong to. Thank you!

